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TAGS: CASC(WHITTAKER, WILLIAM JOHN)

SUBJECT: W/W WILLIAM JOHN WHITTAKER

1. MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM JOHN WHITTAKER WERE ON A TOUR CONDUCTED BY TRAVCOA CLASSIC EASTERN EUROPEAN TOURS. TOUR NO. 1465-A. MRS. WHITTAKER TELEPHONED HER SON-IN-LAW, MR. THOMAS C. RINK, EVENING OF 9/22 TO ADVISE THAT MR. WHITTAKER HAD BEEN STRIKEN WITH DOUBLE PNEUMONIA, AND WAS HOSPITALIZED. DUE TO THE POOR CONNECTION THEY WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE NAME OF HOSPITAL, OR THE NAME OF THE HOTEL WHERE MRS. WHITTAKER IS STAYING. MRS. WHITTAKER INDICATED SHE WOULD SEND A CABLE TO MR. RINK WITH FURTHER DATA, BUT TO DATE NO CABLE RECEIVED. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED TRAVCOA OFFICE IN CHICAGO, WHO STATES THAT THE MOST LIKELY HOTEL USED ON THE TOUR WOULD BE THE HOTEL LENINGRAD, WITH THE HOTEL ASTORIA AND HOTEL EUROPEYSKAYA NORMAL ALTERNATIVES.

2. REQUEST POST CONTACT MRS. WHITTAKER SOONEST, DETERMINE STATUS OF MR. WHITTAKER, INCLUDING DIAGNOSIS, PROGNOSIS AND POSSIBILITY OF RETURN TO U.S. PLEASE PASS ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO SON-IN-LAW, THOMAS C. RINK VIA DIRECT RELAY
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CABLE TO 6812 MIAMI BLUFF DRIVE, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227 OR

TELEPHONE CALL TO 513-272-0459 ALTERNATE 513-621-8550.

3. FYI: MR. WHITTAKER APPARENTLY RETIRED PRESIDENT OF
REGIONAL BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM, AS RESULT, DEPARTMENT IS
RECEIVING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM A VARIETY OF TOP LEVEL
GOVERNMENT AND STATE OFFICIALS. WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT BEING ADVISED SOONEST RE STATUS.
THANKS. ROBINSON

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